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DEATH.

On December 18th at Jurin, Taipei, Formosa,
GEORGE PADGETT TAYLER, M.B., London, son of
Dr. TAYLER, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, aged 34 years.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23RD, 1909.

Ten years ago the Balkan States, Roumania, Bulgaria, and Servia, could scarcely be considered substantive Powers in any discussion respecting the balance of power in Europe. Of importance they were, of course, but merely as pawns to be moved about at the discretion of the greater Powers as suited their own individual parts in the screaming farce of "Europe at Peace," and questions connected with their position on the chess board were from time to time bandied about between the players. What the governments and people of the States themselves thought of these affairs was a matter entering very little into these discussions; the weight of Servia or Bulgaria thrown into one cup or another was really a matter of so little consequence that not one of the assembled diplomats gathered together to discuss the affairs of the Balkan Peninsula ever thought of pausing for a moment to consider the private opinions or predilections of the States themselves; they had been freed from Turkish interference, but King Lou had never dreamt that this implied that they had title to act as independent States; and insisted that all such pretensions must be at once dismissed as quite irrelevant to the situation. Probably the most unexpected result of Austria's last move of formally annexing the Principalities has been that it

has aroused on the part of the hitherto but semi-independent States of the Peninsula an ambition of entire independence. What was lawful for Austro-Hungary to do could not be unlawful for the States themselves to do; and Austria, in objecting to this, found that the hitherto despised Balkan States had become a formidable power with which for the moment feels very much easier for the departure of the Pan-Germanic fly. At all events, Germany has found it in her heart to congratulate France for the correctness of her attitude in Morocco; and this, spite the fancy of certain statesmen that the rapprochement has been brought about by their superior knowledge of affairs, is undoubtedly due to the success of the efforts of Russia to initiate a Pan-Slavonic understanding by bringing about an alliance between Bulgaria and Servia. For Europe at large, the much wider question remains open as to the relative merits of Pan-Germanism or Pan-Slavism, or rather as to which of the two is fraught with the greater danger to the general body politic. As we pointed out the other day, the beginning of centuries are always like the dead-points in an ill-constructed machine; the *vis inertia* of the machine may carry it round without danger to itself or surroundings, but there is always the risk that some unforeseen accident may bring the whole to a sudden stop and cause the wreck of the entire structure on which the experts have been working for centuries. No one with knowledge could probably be found who would stake his reputation on the continuance of peace for any definite period; still the outlook is decidedly clearer than it has been at any time for the last twelve months.

Mr. W. P. Ker, the British Commercial Attaché in China, is at present in Hongkong.

H. E. the Governor to-day opens the new plague wards of the Tung Wa Hospital.

We learn authoritatively that, contrary to public rumour, no British gunboats are being sent to Canton from Hongkong.

Flower Street is wearing a Christmas aspect these days. The display of evergreens is as large as before.

Mr. Trittel, a dalmatian of the Supreme Court of Kiaochau, was given a seat on the bench alongside Mr. Justice Gomperts at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The warships in the harbour yesterday half-masted their flags as a token of mourning on the occasion of the burial of King Leopold of Belgium.

A recentation is here.

Two Chinese brokers stand charged at Shanghai with being concerned together in attempting to obtain the sum of £15,000 from the China Mutual Life Insurance Co. by means of false pretences.

A Chinese passenger who was arrested on a trading junk for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday and ordered to pay a fine of \$50, the alternative being six weeks' imprisonment.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Ahmet Ramjahn \$25

G. C. Moxon 10

A "school" of 16 gamblers, one of whom was a Chinese detective, was arrested at Tai O on Tuesday. The detective was admitted to bail in the sum of \$700, and six more of the batch were liberated on depositing \$5 each. When the case was called before Mr. E. R. Halifax

the Magistracy yesterday none of the men who were out on bail appeared, and their recognisances were forfeited. Of the other gamblers one was fined \$100, and each of the others \$1.

The orchestra of the German cruiser *Scharnhorst* will perform during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on Xmas night the following programme:—Part I: "King Edward" Marsch, v. Olsen; Overture, Op. "Die Felsenmühle," v. Reisig; Amina, "Agrysia," v. Stauden, v. Lincke; "Ektase d'Amour," v. Walzer, v. Tscherniawsky; Melodien, Op. "Der Vogelhändler," v. Zeller. Part II: Overture, Op. "Fra Diavolo," v. Amber; "Das Vergissmeinnicht," v. Lied, v. Suppe; Mohnblumen Intermezzo, v. Moret; "Gold und Silber," v. Walzer, v. Lehar; Selection from "The Geisha," Jones.

BISHOP INGHAM'S ADDRESS TO CHILDREN.

The schoolroom of St. Paul's College was filled with children yesterday afternoon, when the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ingham, secretary of the Church Missionary Society, addressed them.

In simple language, understandable by the smallest present, his Lordship told of the day when Britain was conquered by the Romans,

and of the saying of Pope Gregory that the little Angles would have been angels if they were Christians.

He then told when and how we became a people through missionaries

bringing to us the Gospel of Bethlehem,

Nazareth and Bethany, and how our home life

grew from Christianity. There was no such

home life in China, Japan, and Africa, where the

Gospel was unknown, but missionaries from all

parts of the world were carrying the glad

tidings to those dark lands.

After listening to the Bishop's address the children partook of tea and light refreshments.

TELEGRAMS.

[Protected by the Telegraphic Message
Copyright Ordinance, 1894.]LAWTON'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."DE. COOK'S CLAIM NOT PROVED BY
THE RECORDS.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Copenhagen University has examined Dr. Cook's polar records, and state that they contain no proof that he reached the North Pole.

AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC
APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Mr. H. P. Fletcher, who has been American Charge d'Affaires at Peking since the transfer of Mr. Rockhill, is appointed Minister to Chile.

Mr. Jackson, now at Teheran, has been appointed Minister to Cuba, his place in Persia being taken by Mr. Charles Russell.

Mr. Peter Joy has been appointed Consul-General at Cairo.

LORD KITCHENER.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Field Marshal Lord Kitchener has arrived at Port Darwin.

FRESH CRISIS IN GREECE.

LONDON, December 22nd.

A fresh political crisis has arisen in Greece.

The Minister for War, in introducing a scheme for the reorganisation of the Army, denounced the Minister, Mr. Theotokis, who quitted the Chamber with his supporters, demanding the resignation of the Minister.

M. Theotokis did resign, but sub-

for First Class certificates, but the results have not yet come to hand. Our thanks are due to the members of the Shorthand Committee of Hongkong, especially to Mr. A. Ramsay, of the Daily Press, for the facilities they have afforded in connection with the examinations.

Twenty-eight boys follow the Typewriting Class. We have arranged with the National Shorthand

Association of London for the holding of periodical examinations for Typewriting certi-

ficates. Eight boys have entered for the first

examination, which we expect will take place about a fortnight. Hygiene has been taught successfully during the year. We presented ten boys for the Shield competition, but the results are not yet known. Our boys drill regularly in the College yard and take as much outdoor exercise as our limited playground accommodation permits. Football is still the favourite game of the Hongkong schools. Our boys take very great interest in it. For the first time we won both trophies; our First team won the Schools' Football Shield, and our Junior team won the beautiful cup presented by your Excellency to the schools of the Colony.

The library in connection with our Oxford Class is still a source of pleasure and profit to our boys. We have considerably enlarged it during the year, and it numbers at present close on 500 hundred volumes.

In the month of June Mr. Irving made his annual examination and reported as follows:—

Staff—Brother Christian, 11 Assistant Masters,

and 2 Chinese Assistant Teachers.

Discipline—Very good.

Organization—The large number of Chinese

in the lower standards constitutes a blot on the otherwise excellent organization of the school. They do not have to pass an entrance examination in Chinese, and the time given to the subject being only 1 hour a day, it is impossible for them to acquire any proficiency. They seldom remain at the school above Standard III., and thus are not a real strength to it, except by

swelling the grant.

Sanitation—Very satisfactory.

Apparatus—Very satisfactory.

Floor Space—Sufficient for 522 pupils.

English Subjects—English Composition is very

good in the higher standards. In the lower

standards there is very little to criticise in

the treatment of these subjects.

Geography is not taught very interestingly in

Standard IV. Time is wasted over defini-

tions that seem too verbose to be really

intelligible to children, but which are yet not

scientifically accurate.

Handwriting is good, though I do not care for

the large upright hand of the copy books.

Reading—The Chinese Master in one of the

divisions of Class I. in taking the reading

speaks much too fast and clips his words

badly.

Mathematics—The teaching of Geometry is

very much improved as compared with what

it was a few years ago. It is now taught

in a very practical way. Papers set in

Algebra and Arithmetic were very well

answered by the highest standards.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual distribution of prizes took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended by parents and others interested. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Captain Taylor, A.D.C., and Captain Simonson, private secretary, presided, and was supported by Bishop Pomozzi, Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, Father de Maria, manager of the School, Father Naval, Father Spada, members of the Dominican Mission, and the Mission Elangang, and Mr. T. Funat.

After an opening oration and the rendering of the chorus "Moonlight on the Lake,"

The Brother Director said—Your Excellency, I have the honour to submit to you the report of the work done in the College during the past year. The total number of pupils on the roll was 450, while the average daily attendance was 400, as against 356 the previous year. At present we have a total enrolment of 488. The increase in numbers has necessitated the erection of two new classrooms, which we hope to have ready for occupation towards the end of January. While the attendance on the whole has been fairly good, still I must say that many of our boys are kept at home for very trifling causes. I would again remind the parents of the absolute necessity of regular attendance for progress in studies. The monthly examinations and weekly testimonials are still very efficient in securing constant and steady work. Such work enables the boys to cultivate industrious habits. The conduct of our boys has been very good, and on the whole they always seek to please their teachers. Our boarding department continues to give much satisfaction. We have as many boarders as we can accommodate. The health of the boys has been excellent, thanks to the unremitting care of Doctors Muller, Justi and Hoch. Our Oxford results this year were very satisfactory. We presented 36 boys and all passed, viz. 7 Seniors, 14 Juniors, and 15 Preliminaries. J. B. Kyan obtained Second Class Honours and Distinction in French in the Senior, while H. Ozorio secured Third Class Honours in the Preliminary. Six of our Chinese boys figured prominently among the successful students. A noticeable feature of the examination judging from the private results was the excellent pass which nearly all our boys obtained in English Composition. We are very much pleased to see that many of our boys are working hard to fit themselves for the Hongkong University with which your Excellency's name will be for ever associated. Our Shorthand and Typewriting classes continue to do good work. Thirty-seven boys sat for shorthand certificates during the year, and four for First Class certificates, but the results have not yet come to hand. Our thanks are due to the members of the Shorthand Committee of Hongkong, especially to Mr. A. Ramsay, of the Daily Press, for the facilities they have afforded in connection with the examinations. Twenty-eight boys follow the Typewriting Class. We have arranged with the National Shorthand

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examination, which we expect will take place about a fortnight. Hygiene has been taught successfully during the year, and I congratulate the boys also on the successful issue of their endeavours both in the mental and in the athletic field. I would remind them that the development of the mind and of the body must go hand in hand.

Men sans le corps sono, a sound mind in a sound body, should always be their motto. In this way will they fit themselves for the great struggle of life and become worthy and useful members of society.

The Brother Director mentioned in his report that many of the boys were aspiring to higher education in the future

Hongkong University. I congratulate them on this occasion, and I wish them all success.

In after years when these young men reap the benefit of such education they will not be unmindful of their benefactor and they will associate

you Excellency's name with the priceless treasure of higher education which they have enjoyed.

(Applause.)

His Excellency—My Lord Bishop, Rever-

end Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have

listened with great interest to the very satis-

factory report from the Director of this School,

and I congratulate you, both the staff and the

boys, on the continued success, prosperity, and

progress of St. Joseph's College. This year, as

we have just heard, you have obtained 36 passes

I was not taught it when a boy. I think you all agree that you owe a great debt to the Press and to Mr. Ramsay, who are busy men and have little leisure, for the assistance they have given you in this subject. I congratulate you all on your success in sport. I know you have very limited ground here for practising football, and the large number of applications for the recreation grounds at Wong-nai-cheong makes it impossible to give St. Joseph's ground on more than one or two occasions a week. In spite of this I have carried off both the senior and junior football cups, which is a most creditable performance. I had great pleasure the other day in presenting the two cups to the winning teams at Government House. Among the successes on which I am able to congratulate you there is one especially, and yet my congratulations must be accompanied with a word of warning. I refer to the large increase of the average attendance. Since I have been in this Colony the average attendance at St. Joseph's has increased from 299 to 400; as we just heard from the Director, an increase of 50 per cent. This enormous expansion of all the schools in the Colony is most striking and most encouraging, but the Director of Education in his report calls attention to the fact that there are an undue number of Chinese boys in the lower standards who help to swell the grant in aid, but it is not creditable to a school that there should be a congestion in the lower standards. Numbers are important but numbers are not everything. Quality is even more important. I am not unaware that there are many difficulties in connection with this subject. I know it is very difficult and sometimes very disheartening to the staff that your boys leave you just at the time when you are beginning to feel they are getting on and doing something. It is a matter which is full of difficulties. I mention it because I have it under consideration myself, and hope, sir, that you will take it into consideration to see if you can devise means by which to maintain a fairly equal average in the different standards of the school. I cannot forecast precisely what advice I shall receive on this subject, but I think it is possible the schools which have a congestion in their lower standards, an undue proportion, cannot be considered thoroughly efficient. St. Joseph's has for many years past borne a high reputation for being thoroughly efficient and of earning the maximum grant. I am sure you will do your very best to maintain that standard in the future. I must remind you of one other point, that is, as the number of your scholars increase, so must your staff increase if the standard is to be maintained and the same amount of individual attention is to be given to each boy. When the scholars numbered 299 the number of European teachers on the staff was 12, including the Director, with one Chinese assistant. To-day when the scholars number 400 the staff is still 12, including the Director. If the staff proportionately increases *pari passu*, it should number 16, that is to say, an average of one European teacher to every 25 boys. I put these points to you not in any spirit of hostile criticism, but because I think on this occasion undivided praise is not always useful, and it is just as well to point out one or two directions in which possible improvement may take place, I am glad to hear that you are able to increase the number of your boarders and like every other school of this standing you have been compelled to enlarge your premises to accommodate increased attendance. I wish both the staff and the boys pleasant holidays and I hope this time next year I may be here again and once more able to congratulate you on continued progress and success. (Applause.)

The Prize List is given on Page 5.

LOCAL SPORT.

The programme was as follows: Overture, Prof. O. Baptista; "Moonlight on the lake" choir; violin solo, E. Lambot; solo, "Where the beautiful river flows," Duncan Brown; sword drill, F. L. Silva, M. A. Tavares, J. Braga, A. Rodrigues, C. Vas, H. Lopes; duet, "Come silver moon," R. Bourguignat and R. Baptista; duet, "Féerie," H. Lopes and A. Rodrigues; solo, "The Cabin Home," R. Bourguignat; recitation, "The Twins," J. Collaco; violin solo, Prof. Gonçalves; solo, "The Cottage by the sea," Ormond Musso.

CRICKET.

Navy v. Army. The Navy team to oppose the Army in the cricket match to-day is as follows: Rev. Maundrell, Commander Lewis, Commander Trewhby, Lieutenant Noble, Mullerne, Tovey, Baddon and King, Captain Mayhew, R.M.L.I., Lieut. Hunton, R.M.L.I., and Sub-Lieut. Pelly.

The R.A.M.C. and A.O.C. played a friendly game yesterday afternoon, and the "medicals" were defeated by 63 runs to 45.

FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. "Hart" v. H.M.S. "Vigilant." The Small Ships' League fixture between these teams yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for the Hart by three goals to nil. 63 Coy. v. 27 Coy.

These teams met in a Second League fixture on the Military Ground yesterday afternoon, and an evenly-contested game resulted in 88 Coy. winning with three goals to their credit. The goals were all scored in the last fifteen minutes of the game, and the scorers were McGuiness, Bradbrook and Kingsland.

HOCKEY.

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SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, December 22nd.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUSHER JUDGE).

A MURDER CHARGE.

The trial of the five Chinese for the murder of a compatriot at the Cotton Mill on November 30th was resumed.

The case for the defence was continued. The defence was an *alibi*, and each prisoner went into the box and gave a denial, witnesses being called to support the statements of each prisoner.

Counsel having addressed the jury,

His Lordship summed up. He referred to the dying deposition of the deceased, who first said the quarrel arose because the first prisoner knocked him in the street, but afterwards admitted the quarrel arose over a girl whom it was said deceased annoyed. His Lordship then pointed out that the six witnesses for the prosecution were clear that the first prisoner was present on the occasion in question, and alluded to the fact that although it was stated that the third, fourth and fifth defendants struck the deceased with iron bars there were no marks of such blows on his body. The salient point with regard to two, three, and four was that the deceased did not recognise them, and one of the witnesses said three and four were not present at the fight. Supposing the men attacked deceased with a view to frighten him or give him a thrashing and one whipped out a knife and stabbed him, he did not think it could be said that that was the intent of the other four. With regard to the first prisoner, the jury would remember that the several others said to have been armed with knives on that occasion had disappeared, but if it were proved that the first prisoner was flourishing a knife, but someone else got in a blow before him, then he was equally guilty with the man who dealt the blow, as they had a common intent. The questions the jury had to decide were: (1) Were the prisoners there? (2) What did they do? (3) What was the legal effect of what they did?

The jury retired and after a short absence returned with a unanimous verdict of not guilty against all five prisoners, who were accordingly discharged.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Cheung Fook was indicted on a charge to which he pleaded not guilty, of detaining a boy by force with intent to sell him.

The following jury were empanelled: Messrs. L. G. Bird (foreman), E. D. Haskell, H. L. Kerton, O. El Arcoli, E. B. Pye, L. G. Jolly.

The Attorney-General, in opening the case for the prosecution, stated that the boy, who was fifteen years of age, had been brought by the prisoner from Canton and detained in a house in Bridges Street, Hongkong, where someone was always in charge and prevented him from escaping. After being kept in the house for seven days he was taken to another house, where defendant sold him to a certain man.

The boy stated that he was sitting in a theatre in Canton with another boy when defendant accosted him with the words, "Youngster, there are good prospects in Hongkong. You can make sixty or seventy cents a day." He went with defendant and wished to escape when on the steamer coming down to Hongkong, but was afraid of the Indian. Arrived in Hongkong he was taken to a house in Bridges Street, where he was detained for a month and three days and subsequently sold for \$42.50.

After hearing the evidence for the defence the jury found the prisoner not guilty and he was acquitted.

ANOTHER KIDNAPPING CASE.

Three men and a woman were next arraigned on a charge of detaining two boys with a view to selling them. They pleaded not guilty. The Acting Attorney-General prosecuted.

Evidence was given on behalf of the Crown that all four had participated in an interview with a woman who agreed to buy children, one at \$100 and the other at \$100, and a bill of sale was made out by the fourth defendant.

The woman was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and the men to twelve years.

MINSTREL TROUPE.

A large audience greeted the "Jolly Tars Minstrel Troupe" from the U.S.S. *West Virginia* when they gave the first of two entertainments in aid of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The programme was agreeably diversified. The choral work was undoubtedly the best in the first part of the programme, the songs of Reed and Denova taking well, and their dancing to the choruses was heartily applauded. In the second part of the programme the clever feats of the acrobats were greatly appreciated as was also the dancing of Reed and McKnight. The performance concluded with a comic sketch in one scene entitled "The Hotel Half Back" and the various parts were cleverly interpreted.

AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

A report in the Chinese papers states that a practical French miller has discovered a new use for a dog, that of professional guide in the public funds of over Tls. 4,000,000 during his tenure of the Hukung Viceroyalty. The matter was reported to the throne by his successor, but His Highness the Prince Regent commanded that the liability should be cancelled.

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALTY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Paris, November 19th, 1909.

THE STRIKER AFFAIR.

The complete acquittal of Mme. Steinheil was a foregone conclusion; she not the less narrowly escaped the guillotine, as six of the jurors were for and six against her being sentenced to death. The result of the verdict was received with loud cries of "Bravo!" and "Vive Aubin!"

It would, however, be erroneous to state that the result of the trial has satisfied everyone. There are still a great many who maintain that she ought to have been condemned, because guilty. No woman could have defended herself more cleverly or pluckily; on hearing the verdict Mme. Steinheil fainted away from exhaustion. It was not until one o'clock last Sunday morning that the verdict was known; the jury taking two hours to make up their minds. All that now remains to be done is for the State to pay the cost of the 10 days' sensational trial, which amounts to 1,950,000 francs, or £27,800, nearly a £1,000 a day. The question of compensation will be dealt with by her counsel, Maître Aubin later. Mme. Steinheil needs rest, after the terrible emotions of the last few days, and after her long period of incarceration. As soon as she was declared a free woman and had signed various papers, she was carried into a waiting motor-car and quickly whisked out of Paris into the suburbs. So cleverly was this done by the police that in spite of reporters' cars waiting to follow her and so ascertain her whereabouts, they only succeeded in following dummy cars. To-day, Mme. Steinheil—or rather Madame Dumont—for she has changed her name, is in a convalescent home at Vésinet, a pretty suburb outside Paris, while her daughter, who, strange to say, has no wish to see her mother again, is in a convent in the country. The crime of the 30th May, 1908, committed in the Impasse Ronsin still remains as great a mystery as ever; it is regrettable to think that the murder of M. Steinheil and of Mme. Japy will have to be added to the long list of undiscovered crimes in France. The comments in the Press nearly all endorse the verdict. The *Temps*, speaking of the attitude of the presiding judge, M. de Valles, says

that it is not better, according to the English system, to grant to the Public Prosecutor and the defence the sole right of examining and cross-examining the accused and the witnesses, and assigning to the president merely the function of an impartial arbitrator who directs the case without taking part in it. Mme. Steinheil's counsel, Maître Aubin, who was so enthusiastically cheered as he left the crowded court, has received some three hundred letters and telegrams congratulating him on his success.

SWIMMING.

A French University professor wishes to include swimming in the curriculum in the schools of France. He shows the Swedes who are in the same position only represent 12 percent of the population. In England, says the professor, those proficient in the art can be counted by hundreds of thousands; in other words, he asserts that two-thirds of the population are swimmers. The Germans are proficient in the art and in instruction therein given in the schools. In the German army fully one-half of the effective force can swim, which is more than can be said of the French Army.

THE DEPOPULATION OF THE COLONIES.

There are times when Protectorates and Colonies are not expected to follow the example of the mother country. The depopulation of Tunis has greatly alarmed the French Government; the news that the Musulman population was falling off came as an unpleasant surprise. Immediate enquiry revealed the fact that the falling off was not, as might be erroneously imagined, due to emigration, but to the excess of deaths over births. Since the French have established their Protectorate, the returns of the registrar have been kept as in France, with some degree of irregularity, no doubt, but still they have been kept. La Dépêche Tunisienne, in order to get at the facts, has examined the registers for this year, and finds that during the first six months the deaths surpassed the births by no less a figure than 406! Strange to say, the natives are far more regular in recording deaths than births; this they do, it is said, because they fear that if they failed to record a death they might be accused of complicity in a crime. Infant mortality in Tunis is very great; while the deaths of children are recorded, their births are sometimes not registered. Much the same conditions prevail in Algeria. The serious matter certainly deserves careful inquiry.

THE COINAGE.

France will soon possess coins of the low denomination in "aluminium." Everything is ready at the Mint to strike some hundreds of thousands of francs in pieces of five and ten centimes (one and two sous). It goes without saying that the new pieces will be lighter than the old. Moreover, they will not oxidise. Aluminium is no longer considered the most precious of metals; years ago it was worth 20,000 francs a kilogramme or 2 1/5 lbs. avoirdupois. Since M. Henri Saint-Clair Dalivie, a distinguished French chemist, brought down the price by discovering a process by which the metal could be produced commercially, the value of aluminium has considerably lessened.

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a romantic spot between wooded slopes whose dark verdure in the season, is reflected in the sombre waters. The whole valley being private property dependent on the neighbouring Chateau de Crochais, which dominates the hill, visitors are directed to apply at the mill. The miller pockets his gratuity, points out the intricate path that must be followed, and then whistles to "Bernard," whom he orders to accompany the visitors. "Bernard" is of course the dog that saves the miller's legs, and permits him to dispense with explanations. The dog trots along quietly in front of those committed to his care, and if they take a by-path he stops and waits till they rejoin him. It is easy to understand him. The walk is about a mile as far as the second pond, where it terminates. "Bernard" goes no further. If one tries to continue, it is at one's own risk and peril. "Bernard" will not budge from the spot, but squat down by the second mill till one returns. As soon as he sees the visitor coming back, "Bernard" runs along the path leading the first pond, and without repassing the mill where the visitor was committed to his charge, he wisely conducts him directly to the road for Plentruit. Then, when he sees the stranger off on foot or in a carriage, he turns his back and trots off home, and no amount of persuasion will induce him to accompany anyone further on the road.

ARMY CRIMINALS.

From statistics just published by the Ministry of War it appears that the number of condemned criminals in the French Army is sufficient to form a whole army corps. There are at the present moment 13,671 soldiers in the ranks who before entering barracks had been in prison. The majority of the sentences were for theft. The matter is shortly to come before the Chamber, and General Brin, the Minister of War, states that in all probability he will be compelled to ask Parliament to make an alteration in the recruiting regulations which will render it impossible for thieves, *soulardes* and other bad characters to be incorporated in the home army.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

Proportional representation is being warmly advocated in France. M. Millerand, the French Minister of Public Works, says the issue is "vital for the future of the country," and without proportional representation "nothing decent or even more useful can be done to improve the administration and the judicial system of the country, and there can be no question even of reforming its political manners, manners which nobody deserves."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

SUITABLE FOR TOURISTS.

NEATLY-BOUND ALBUMS containing representative Photographs of Hongkong, Canton and Macao, and showing some of the ancient edifices of the two latter places.

Copies can be obtained from A. FONG, Photographer, 31, Queen's Road, Central and M. STEINBERG, Post Card Dealer, 89, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1557]

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1910.

FIFTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT KING'S PARK, Kowloon.

RACES for all Children of all Ages. Prizes for all. First at 2.15 P.M.

BAND OF THE 13TH BATTALION (By Permission of Colonel and Officers). Children and Parents cordially invited.

H.E. The GOVERNOR, Sir FREDERICK LUGARD, has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1558]

S.S. "OCEANIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGEERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s. "Medoc" and "Metapar" from Havre ex.s.s. "Metapar" from Bordeaux ex.s.s. "Ville de Dunkerque," in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the hold of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 A.M. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS.

HAM AND BACON "HONEYSUCKLE" BRAND. HAMS AND SIDES AT 60 CENTS PER LB.

SHOULDERS AT 45 CENTS PER LB. THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD. LABUAN COAL.

NOTICE—THIS COAL can only be obtained from THE LABUAN COAL-FIELDS Co. Ltd., who are prepared to supply FRESH COAL straight from the Mines. Steamers load at the Wharves. Quick despatch. Telegrams: "Lahor Lahor".

BRADLEY & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 12th August, 1909. [1406]

AUTOMATIC BROWNING POCKET PISTOLS.

CALIBRE 7.65 mm. WITH CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS. SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [147]

SINGON & CO. IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARD-WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers. General Store-keepers and Ship Chandlers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515. [583]

"SOLIGNUM."

A perfect preservative stain for Wood, Stone and Brickwork. It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry Rot, the ravages of insects and vermin (especially the white ant) and the action of the weather.

"SOLIGNUM" REALLY DOES WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR IT, as may be seen from the testimonial of the Government of India, the Sudan, etc.

In Drums and Barrels of Various Colours. Prospectus and all further information from SIEMSEN & CO. (Machinery Dept.), Hongkong.

Sole Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.
UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

A GRAND MINSTREL PERFORMANCE.

BY THE MINSTREL TROUPE OF THE U. S. NAVY CRUISER "WEST VIRGINIA," AT THE THEATRE ROYAL TO-NIGHT THE 23RD DECEMBER, AT 9 P.M.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

TICKETS: \$3, \$2 & \$1.

BOOKING AT S. MOUTRIE & CO. Hongkong, 16th December, 1909. [1527]

E. THEATRE ROYAL, HONGKONG. 4 NIGHTS ONLY 4 COMMENCING MONDAY, DECEMBER, 27TH, THE

BANDMANN No. 1 COMEDY CO.

MONDAY, 27TH, The Funniest Comedy of the Season

THE EARLY WORM.

60 Laughs in 60 Minutes.

TUESDAY, 28TH, The Latest London Success.

THE BEST PEOPLE.

From Wyndham's Theatre, London.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH, The Famous Comedy.

FACING THE

DAY.

A PAIR OF SPECTACLES.

From the Garrick Theatre, London.

BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S.

PRICES AS USUAL:

\$3 \$2 AND \$1. [1549]

INSURANCES

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1908

219,121.10.

L. Authorised Capital \$6,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$3,275,000

Paid-up Capital \$1,212,500 0 0

II. Fire Fund \$3,204,753 7.10

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS

against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [1608]

NOTICE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in

Hongkong for the WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY, we are prepared to accept approved European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

JOHN D. RUMPHREYS & SON,

Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1603]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Die amtlichen Bekanntmachungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Konsulats in Canton werden während des Jahres 1910 im OSTAATLICHEN LLOYD der CANTON WEEKLY NEWS und nach Bedarf auch in der HONGKONG DAILY PRESS veröffentlicht werden.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Canton, 15th December, 1909. [1544]

LOST.

ON HARLECH ROAD, the Peak, YOUNG ROUGH-HAIRED IRISH TERRIER, Brown, wearing collar bearing neither name nor license number. Finder please communicate with Peak Police Station or Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1551]

FOR SALE.

A Quantity of NETTING for Tennis Courts, etc.

TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00.

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, Duddell Street. [50]

AUCTIONS

E. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 23rd day of December, 1909, at 3 P.M. at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of OWNED LAND at Tokwawan comprising portions of the foreshore and sea bed, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal as a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

THE TRANSPARE BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Co's Office, 14, Des Vaux Road, Central, First Floor, on the 29th December (WEDNESDAY), at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Eighteen Months ending 30th June, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive.

By Order,

F. ELLIS,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [1523]

1539 PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements.	Content in feet.	Annual Rent in £s. f. d.	Premium.
1	Lot No. 30.	Kowloon, Lea No. 51.	N.E., S.W., E.W., N.W. feet.	105,000	16,750	

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 24th December, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M. at the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co's Godown No. 16 (Kowloon).

124 BALES RAW SILK,
114 BALES WASTE SILK,

More or less damaged by water ex.s.s. "PRINZ LUDWIG."

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1547]

E. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, ON TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 28th and 29th December, 1909, at 10 A.M. at H. M. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS, SUNNY OAK AND SUPPLY NAVAL & VICTUALLING STORES.

Comprising:—Old and Supply Naval Stores, FIRE ENGINE, HOSES, LAMPS and LANTERNS, TOOLS, OLD IRON and METAL, ELECTRIC CABLES, SWITCHES, HYDRAULIC PUMP, COAL SACKS, CANTAS BAGS, OLD INDIA-RUBBER, OLD LEATHERS, CARPETS, MATTINGS, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, &c., &c.

Old and Supply Victualling Stores:—PROVISIONS, SEAMEN'S CLOTHING, BLANKETS, OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS, (A Quantity of Electro-plated Articles and Table Linen), IMPLEMENTS, SEAMEN'S MESS UTENSILS, CANE STAVES, &c., &c. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1532]

X'MAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 25th December.

MONDAY, the 27th.

SATURDAY, the 1st January.

MONDAY, the 3rd.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

By Order,

A. B. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

By Order,

A. B. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1555]

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IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES

NAPIER JOHNSTONES'
"SQUARE BOTTLE"
WHISKY.

THE SAME DAY AS
UNVARNISHED
DRAWN FOR
150 YEARS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [52]



NEW CARTRIDGES.

BY popular English Manufacturers. In all Boxes and Sheets.

SMOKELESS POWDERS and CHILLED SHOTS. From No. 10 to SSSG. at 35, 57 and 75.00 per 100. SPORTING REQUISITES and AIR GUNS in Variety.

Inspection Invited.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1909. [1314]

X'MAS GOODS

CARDS, CRACKERS, DOLLS,
STAMPS, &c.

GRACA & CO.
1259, 27, DES VŒUX ROAD.

TO LET

STORAGE
FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET: A portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for Above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 45,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE. For Particulars, apply—

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1909. [96]

TO LET.

No. 2, OLD BAILEY. Possession from 1st December. Apply to—

APCAR V. APCAR & CO.,
14, DES VŒUX ROAD.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1909. [1388]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

" TANTALON," 126A, BAKER ROAD. Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only. Apply to—

GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [1497]

TO LET.

NOS. 52 and 69, CAINE ROAD. Apply to—

HO U MING,
81, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1177]

TO LET.

GODDOWNS Nos. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 3, (Tang Lap Ting's Godowns East Point). Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate. Apply to—

KAM FOOK,
No. 107, Wellington Street,
behind the Stag Hotel or Keeper of
No. 6, Godown on the Spot.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1909. [797]

TO LET

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NO. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs. Gordon & Co., known as 21, Whitefield, Shaikin-wan Road.

PREMISES at SHAKHEEN, CANTON, now in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway.

CHELTONDALE (finished), No. 100, Peak, February to October, 1910.

The BYRE, No. 12, Peak, Six Rooms, Tennis Court and very Large Garden.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on 1st Floor, well suited for Offices.

NO. 25, SHIRLEY STREET (new House). GODDOWNS in Duddell Street.

HOUSES in BEILLIUS TERRACE, ROBINSON ROAD, newly painted and color-washed, exceptionally cheap rentals."

FOR SALE—To Crest, at Peak, commanding a magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

ONE SPACIOUS GODOWN, No. 125, Wanchai Road.

Apply to—

REUTER BRÖCKELMANN & CO.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1909. [911]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1340]

TO BE LET.

WITH Possession from March, 1910. (Unfinished or if desired, the furniture could be taken over at a valuation.)

IAN MOR', Peak Road. Six Rooms, semi-detached house, commanding a good view of the harbour. Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 43, Yaumai, Area 35,200 square feet, with 255 feet Beach Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1256-1471]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RIPPON TERRACE, OFFICES TO LET, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GODDOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLDG BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vœux Road, next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

Apply to—

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [97]

TO LET.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL, Immediate Entry.

Apply—

MESSES JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [1500]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

DERBINGTON, PRAYA ROAD, NO. 8, SHORNCLIFFE, Garden Road, 7.

For Particulars apply to—

C. SCHROETER,
King's Buildings, IIIrd, Case of Garrels, Börner & Co.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1140]

TO LET.

IN NO. 6, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, ONE GODOWN.

IN NO. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Room suitable for Offices.

ROOMS in Chamberlains No. 31, Wyndham Street.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1909. [1054]

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS.

OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October at present in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

Apply—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [818]

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NO. 2, ELLIOTT CRESCENT, ROBINSON ROAD, Sir Edmund House, with Outhouse, Commanding a Fine View of the Harbour.

Apply to—

F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO,
33, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [936]

TO LET.

GODOWN, NO. 54, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [98]

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NOS. 20 and 21, PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN, Two Extensive Two-Storyed Semi-Detached Godowns; Ground Surface of Cement Concrete.

No. 1A, PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN, One Extensive Two Storyed Godown.

All are First-Class Condition, suitable for storing Rice, Flour, etc.

Bents moderate.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,

PRICE LIST.

CHINESE DEPARTMENT.

Standard Ia.—Lau Chung, general proficiency English; Lai Sing, English, religious instruction; Yau Shan and Mai Dan, Chinese; Wu Cheung and Lo Sing, arithmetic; Wing Hang and Fung Ming, penmanship; Kwok Choi and Fung Wing, drawing; Man Ying, religious instruction.

Standard Ia.—Loong Yu Wan, general proficiency Chinese, arithmetic; Cheung Lam and Chan Yat Fook, English, geography; Au Kai Chung and Lo Ah Moon, penmanship; Young Tim Loy and Lai Yen, religious instruction; Wong Tai Sing, Chinese; Lo Tong and Cheung Lun, drawing; Yam Lang, Hang.

Standard Ia.—Chan We Lai, general proficiency English, Chinese; Lam Shu Kowong, English, religious instruction, grammar; Chan Ying Yuen, grammar, Chinese; Yeong Po, geography, hygiene, religious instruction; Cheung Cheuk Kau, Chinese geography; Lo Shu Fan, penmanship; Chan Wing Hun; drawing, Chinese.

English Department.

Standard Ia.—A. da Costa, general proficiency English, arithmetic, catechism; Evaristo Remedios, English, geography, catechism; Julio Nunes, arithmetic, penmanship; L. Gardner, geography; L. Nunes, penmanship.

Standard Ia.—I. M. Alaraks, proficiency English, arithmetic, geography; Francisco Leong, drawing, catechism, arithmetic; Siu Chay, penmanship; drawing; E. Sternberg, English; A. Hart, catechism; A. da Luz, penmanship.

Standard II.—R. Baumann, general proficiency, arithmetic, penmanship, drawing; L. Costa, English, penmanship, religious instruction; J. Costa, drawing, religious instruction; C. Churchill, English; J. Gutierrez, Geography.

Standard III.—A. Tavares, general proficiency, geography, hygiene; A. Osmund, religious instruction, English, hygiene; F. Seto, arithmetic, penmanship, drawing; G. Reich, English; F. Colucco, religious instruction; E. Barradas, arithmetic; H. da Luz, penmanship.

Standard IV.—G. Carvalho, general proficiency, religious knowledge, English, mathematics, geography, hygiene; J. M. Braga, English, hygiene, geography; J. A. Rodrigues, penmanship; L. Hyndman, drawing, penmanship; E. Rosario, religious knowledge, history; G. Sunz, drawing.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ATMERIC, British str., 2,769, James Boyd, 22nd Dec.—Manila 19th December, General Dodwell & Co.

CAEL DEDERICSEN, German str., 774, J. Kayser, 21st Dec.—Haiphong and Hollow 20th Dec. General—Jehsan & Co.

CHINIA, British str., 1,349, J. Brown, 22nd Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.

DAIJIN MARU, Jap. str., 899, Y. Kaburaki, 22nd Dec.—Tamsui 19th and Swatow 21st Dec. General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

FRI, Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec. Rice—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

FRITJOF, Norwegian str., 891, O. Anderson, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong 16th Dec. Rice, Coal and General—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodges, 22nd Dec.—Swatow 21st Dec. General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

KOHSICHIANG, Ger. str., 1,292, O. Scheidling, 22nd Dec.—Bangkok 10th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.

KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,469, Frerberg, 22nd December—Shanghai 19th Dec. General—C. M. S. N. Co.

LINAN, British str., 21st Dec.—Canton.

MICHAEL JEDEN, German str., 951, J. Petersen, 22nd Dec.—Chefoo 16th Dec. Beans—Jensen & Co.

NAMANG, British str., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake, 22nd Dec.—Yokohama, Kobe and Moji 17th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PROMINENT, Norwegian str., 746, Christiansen, 22nd Dec.—Daly 16th Dec. Beans—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

TINGSONG, British str., 1,045, R. W. Andersen, 22nd Dec.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 18th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TYUMAH, Dutch str., 2,469, J. W. Roman, 22nd Dec.—Milne 14th Dec. General—Java-China Japan Lijn.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
22nd December.

America, British str., for Seattle.

Chinua, British str., for Canton.

Choson Maru, Jap. str., for Shanghai.

Dagui, Norwegian str., for Quang Yuen.

Haiyang, British str., for Swatow.

Herold, Norwegian str., for Moji.

Kaiyong, British str., for Cebu.

Kwangtung, Chinese str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

22nd December.

ASCONIA, German str., for Canton.

CHOYSONG, British str., for Shanghai.

FRANKLYN, British str., for Shanghai.

HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.

HURANO MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore.

HONG WAN I, German str., for Amoy.

KIANG PING, Chinese str., for Canton.

KUEICHOV, British str., for Canton.

OCEANIAN, French str., for Shanghai.

SHIMOSA, British str., for Singapore.

SINGAN, British str., for Hollow.

SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.

TELEMAGUS, British str., for Saigon.

TIBRUDAS, Dutch str., for Yokohama.

YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

YU SHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Aymeric* reports: Strong monsoon and high seas.

The British str. *Haiyang* reports: Fresh N.E. breeze and fine weather.

The Chinese str. *Kwangtung* reports: Fine weather on the way. Northerly winds.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1909.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOB.	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMILL	Thursday, 23rd Dec., at 5 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. WILHELM	Wednesday, 29th Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. G. MEINERS	About Wednesday, 29th December
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. LENZ	Friday, 31st Dec., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"COBLENZ" Capt. H. RAEGENER	About Saturday, 8th January

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO., GENERAL AGENTS HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1909.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NERA"	Capt. Martin
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIEN"	Capt. Broc
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE"	Capt. Bourg
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"OCEANIEN"	Capt. Sellier

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909.

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"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" SAT.	1st Jan.	"ALLAN LINE" FRIDAY, 28th Jan.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA" SAT.	29th Jan.	"EMPERESS OF IRELAND" FEB., 25th Feb.
"MONTEAGLE"	TUESDAY, 15th Feb.	"EMPERESS OF INDIA" SAT., 26th Feb.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" SAT.	26th Mar.	"EMPERESS OF IRELAND" FEB., 25th Mar.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA" SAT.	23rd April	"EMPERESS OF FIRELAND" FEB., 20th May

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909.

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THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR" Captain G. F. Hudson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst. at NOON.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1533]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE" Captain W. Barrett, will be despatched as above on or about 26th December.

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1909. [1463]

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"BRAEMAR" 23rd Dec.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1909. [1495-1540]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE" Captain W. O. Tyers, will be despatched as above about the 19th January.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [151]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR MARSEILLES LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKE SHIRE" Captain E. Hayes, will be despatched as above the 25th January.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1513]

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

PASSENGER SERVICE TO LONDON AND ANTWERP.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1461]

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	{ DELHI Capt. G. W. Gordon	{ About 24th Dec.	{ Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	Noon, 25th	See Special of Call.
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	PALAWAN Capt. C. R. Longden, R.N.E.	About 29th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE, SUMATRA and YOKOHAMA	Capt. C. J. Benton	About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
CHINKiang	"PAOTUNG"	On 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KANGHOW"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 26th Dec., D'light
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 28th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"ANHUI"	On 2nd Jan., D'light
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA	"TEAN"	On 4th Jan., 3 P.M.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY	"CHANGSHA"	On 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
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"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	THURSDAY, 23rd Dec., at 11 A.M.
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"HAICHING,"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 28th Dec., at 10 A.M.
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909.

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
TAKAO, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SIAM"	On 23rd December.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
GEN, GOTENBURG and BALTC PORTS	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	Middle of Feb.,
COPENHAGEN and BALTC PORTS	"INDIEN"	

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO	"CHIPSHING"	Friday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIENSHING"	Monday, 27th Dec., D'light
SOURABAYA	"CHUNHSANG"	Tuesday, 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Wednesday, 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"KINGSANG"	Wednesday, 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., Noon.
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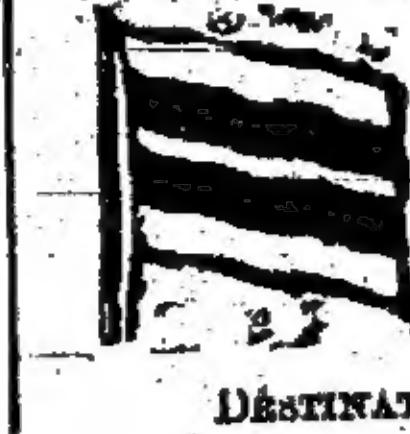
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DESTINATIONS.

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
S TANGO MARU	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight.
S KAMO MARU	9,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight.
S AKI MARU	7,000	WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU)	6,500	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU)	6,500	WED'DAY, 26th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
AKI MRAU	7,000	SATURDAY, 29th Jan., from KOBE.

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
KUMANO MARU	6,000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU	5,000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.
AKI MRAU	7,000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., A.M.
TAMBA MARU	6,500	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at 5 P.M.

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
TAKASAKI MARU	5,000	TUESDAY, 28th December.
TOTOMI MARU	4,500	TUESDAY, 4th January.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
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T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909.

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